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Minutes of the Chapter Meeting
EWI® of Memphis
October 15, 2015

Call to Order

The EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was held on Thursday, October 15, at the Tower Center. The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Lynch (Medtronic) at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Danielle Rousseau (The Sims Financial Group) called the roll. In attendance were 21 active reps, 2 sustainers, and 2 guests, for a total of 25 attendees.

Invocation/Dinner

Angel Halpern (Regions Bank) gave the invocation, after which the attendees were served dinner.

Minutes

The September Chapter minutes were posted to the website. No member objections or corrections were received during the meeting and the minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report

The September financials were posted to the website; since there were no objections, they will be filed for audit.

Cindy's Year End Comments

President Lynch shared the Chapter's accomplishments over the past year including adopting the new marketing campaign, operating under a balanced budget, updating the Standing Rules and working with ASIST and House of Grace.

Board Change

President Lynch asked the 2014-2015 Board of Officers and Directors to take a seat in the audience and the 2015-2016 Board of Officers and Directors to take their seat at the head table.

Passing of the Pin and Gavel

President Lynch passed the Pin and Gavel to new President Grissom. She talked about her journey with EWI and outlined her vision for the 2015-2016 Board. She also spoke of ways to foster Chapter growth, inviting members to reach out and share their EWI experiences. Connection, careers and community.

Installation of the Board

President Grissom introduced the 2015-2016 Board and Directors:

- Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center), Vice President / President Elect
- Mable Barringer (National Kidney Foundation of West Tennessee), Sergeant-at-Arms
- Erica Simpson (Belhaven University), Recruitment and Retention Director
- Deborah Vaughn (Staples), Program Director
- Mary Judson (Kemmons Wilson Companies), Communications Director
- Danielle Rouseau (The Sims Financial Group), B/C/DP Director
- Cindy Lynch (Medtronic), Advisor
- Martha Pallesen (Pallesen Consulting Services), Parliamentary Advisor

President Grissom presented the 2015 Chapter Board to the member and extended thanks to the new board for their commitment to their new Board duties. The Secretary and Treasurer positions remain open.

LCAM Report and Bylaws

President Grissom reviewed the proposed Corporate and Chapter Bylaw Amendments.

Treasurer Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center) reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 Corporate Operating Budget and B/C/DP Budget.

President Grissom reported the highlights of LCAM 2015:

- President Grissom (Medtronic) and Cindy Lynch (Medtronic) attended as delegates “informed and uninstructed”.
- There were 226 Registrants, 72 Delegates, and 42 Alternates for 72 eligible votes.
- The “Thrive for Five” membership campaign netted 115 new members.
- The Temple University Collegiate Chapter has been chartered, giving EWJ two Collegiate Chapters.
- The proposed 2015-2016 Bylaws passed.

The 2016 Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting will be held on September 22-24, 2016 in Spokane, Washington.

Chapter Nominating Committee Vote

President Grissom explained the procedures for installing members of the Nominating Committee. Cindy Lynch (Medtronic) as past Chapter President will act as Chairman. Three representatives were nominated:

- Dianne Westphal (Peabody Hotel) nominated by Terrice Enochs (BancorpSouth)
- Jackie Hicks (Hicks Convention Services) nominated by Janice Toshach (BancorpSouth)
- Cissie Pryor (Living Health Day Spa) nominated by Kristi Emmons (FedEx Services)

The proposed 2015-2016 Nominating Committee, chaired by Cindy Lynch, will be elected at the November Board meeting.

2015-2016 Chapter Budgets Vote

The proposed 2015-2016 General Operating Budget and the proposed 2015-2016 B/C/DP Budget were both approved by the membership.

Programs

Deborah Vaughn (Staples) announced that November 19 Chapter Meeting will be a firm night with Captivating Interiors held at the home of Anna Hough.

Announcements

November Board Meeting

President Grissom announced that the November Board Meeting and retreat is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. Board Meetings are open to the membership. If members wish to attend, they were asked to contact President Grissom.

October Birthdays

President Grissom extended October birthday wishes to:

- Martha Pallesen (10/07)
- Paige Perkins (10/31)

Networking

Mable Barringer (The National Kidney Foundation) announced that the fundraiser “Sip Around the World” is scheduled for November 7 and asked the membership to consider auction donations. Martha Pallesen invited members to the “Fall Fest Fundraiser” of UMW scheduled for October 20.

A brief time was allowed for networking experiences.

Appreciation

President Grissom acknowledged and extended thanks to the Tower Room and their staff for providing services for the evening. Thanks were also extended to Deborah Vaughn, our Program Director, and her committee for their service in making all of our meetings special.

President Grissom extended thanks to guests for their attendance and to sustainers for their continued support. Members were asked to leave their new name badges on the tables to be collected by the Hospitality Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

/s

Linda Grissom, 2015-2016 President

/s

Danielle Rouseau, Secretary